Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

displaying a first interface comprising at least one of a bid variable and an offer variable associated with trading an item, each variable selectable for submitting a trading command;

receiving a trading command with a selection of the at least one of the bid variable and the offer variable displayed in the first interface ~~to trade in at least one item via a first interface, the first interface displaying at least one of a bid variable and an offer variable associated with trading the item, each of the variables selectable for submitting the trading command~~;

~~presenting~~ displaying a second interface in response to a selection of the at least one of the bid variable and the offer variable ~~receiving the trading command~~, the second interface comprising at least one alterable field for specifying a term of an order for the item and at least one button for ~~confirming the trading command being submitted~~ submitting the order for execution;

~~automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer over the at least one button in the second interface~~; and

submitting the trade command for execution in response to a selection of the at least one button.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one of the bid variable and the offer variable displayed in the first interface comprises a plurality of: ~~at least one of~~ a bid price, ~~and~~ a bid size, ~~and wherein the offer variable comprises at least one of~~ an offer price, and an offer size, and wherein at least one of the plurality of the variables is individually selectable for submitting a different ~~the~~

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trading command ~~than another of the plurality of the variables~~ submitted by selecting one of the bid price, the bid size, the offer price, and the offer size.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2 , ~~the first interface further displaying the variables in a color when the pointer passes over a variable~~ the second interface comprising a plurality of buttons for confirming each of the plurality of different trading commands.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the first interface displays a bid ~~variable~~price and a bid size, and wherein a first trading command is submitted with a selection of ~~the trading command comprises a bid command submitted by selecting~~ the bid price and a second trading command different than the first is submitted with a selection of the bid size.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the first interface displays an offer price and an offer size, and wherein a first trading command is submitted with a selection of ~~variable and the trading command comprises an offer command submitted by selecting~~ the offer price and a second trading command different than the first is submitted with a selection of the offer size.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 4, wherein the ~~at least one of the bid variable and the offer variable are displayed in a market cell~~first trading command comprises a bid command submitted by selecting the bid price.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 8, wherein the ~~first interface displays a bid variable and the~~ second trading command comprises a sell command submitted by selecting the bid size.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 75, wherein the ~~first interface displays an offer variable and the~~ second trading command comprises a buy command submitted by selecting the offer size.

11-16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first interface comprises a bid variable and an offer variable each individually selectable for submitting a trading command different than the other, the bid variable selectable for submitting a ~~trade command comprises at least one of a~~ bid command and the offer variable selectable for submitting an offer command, and the second interface comprises a bid button for confirming the bid command and an offer button for confirming the offer command, ~~and wherein the~~ the method further comprising repositioning the pointing device pointer ~~is repositioned~~ over the bid button in response to a selection of the bid variable and over the offer button in response to a selection of the offer variable.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

displaying a first interface comprising a plurality of trading variables associated with trading an item, the plurality of trading variables comprising at least two of a bid price, a bid size, an offer price, and an offer size, at least two of the trading variables each individually selectable for submitting a trading command different than another of the trading variables;

receiving a trading command with a selection one of the trading variables~~to trade in at least one item via a first interface, the first interface displaying at least one trading variable associated with trading the item, the at least one~~ comprising ~~at least one of a bid price, a bid size, an offer price, and an offer size, each of the trading variables selectable for submitting the trading command~~;

~~presenting~~ displaying a second interface in response to ~~receiving the trading command~~a selection of one of the trading variables, the second interface comprising:

at least one button for confirming the trading command being submitted,

an alterable price field, and

an alterable size field, wherein one of the bid price is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the bid price in the first interface, the bid size is posted in the size field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the bid size in the first interface, the offer price is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the offer price in the first interface, and the offer size is posted in the size field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the offer size in the first interface; and

submitting the trade command for execution in response to confirmation of the trading command.

20-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the trade command comprises one of a bid command received with the selection of a bid variable and an offer command received with the selection of an offer variable, the second interface comprises a bid button for submitting the bid command and an offer button for submitting the offer command, and wherein a pointing device pointer is repositioned over one of the bid button in response to a selection of the bid price and over the offer button in response to a selection of the offer price.

25-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the first interface is an entry window displays an offer price and an offer size, and wherein a first trading command is submitted with a selection of the offer price and a second trading command is submitted with a selection of the offer size.

30. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the first interface is a web page displays a bid price and a bid size, and wherein a first trading command is submitted with a selection of the bid price and a second trading command is submitted with a selection of the bid size.

31-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

receiving a trading command to trade in at least one item via a first interface, the first interface displaying at least one trading variable associated with trading the item;

presenting a second interface in response to receiving the

trading command, the second interface comprising at least one button for confirming the trading command being submitted and a data entry field;

automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer over the at least one button in the second interface;

posting the at least one trading variable from the first interface in the data entry field with a selection of the at least one button once; and

submitting the trade command for execution in response to selection of the at least one button again.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the trading command comprises a bid command, the at least one button comprises a bid button for confirming the bid command, and the at least one trading variable comprises a bid price, the bid price displayed in the first interface posted in the data entry field with the selection of the bid button at least once.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, the first interface further displaying the at least one variable in a color when the pointer passes over a variable.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the trading command comprises an offer command, the at least one button comprises an offer button for confirming the offer command, and the at least one trading variable comprises an offer price, the offer price displayed in the first interface posted in the data entry field with the selection of the offer button.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in a market cell.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in a spread sheet.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in a data window.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in an entry window.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the at least one trading variable is displayed in a web page.

47-48 (Cancelled)

49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the trading command comprises an offer command, the at least one button comprises an offer button for confirming the offer command, and the pointing device pointer is repositioned over the offer button.

50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein the trading command comprises a bid command, the at least one button comprises a bid button for confirming the bid command, and the pointing device pointer is repositioned over the bid button.

51-62. (Canceled)

63.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the second interface comprises a price field and a size field, and wherein ~~one of~~ the bid price is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the bid price in the first interface and ~~wherein~~ the bid size is posted in the size field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the bid size in the first interface.

64.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the bid command is submitted for execution at a best bid price when a bid is submitted without a price.

65.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the second interface comprises a price field and a size field, and wherein one of the offer price is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the offer price in the first interface and ~~wherein~~ the offer size is posted in the size field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the offer size in the first interface.

66.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the second interface comprises a price field, and wherein the bid price from the first interface is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the at least one button once and the bid command is submitted for execution with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the at least one button again.

67.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the second interface comprises a price field, and wherein the offer price from the first interface is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the at least one button once

and the offer command is submitted for execution <u>with a selection of</u> ~~by selecting~~ the at least one button again.

68.   (Currently amended) A method comprising:

<u>displaying a first interface comprising at least one bid variable and at least one offer variable associated with trading an item, each variable selectable for submitting a trading command, at least one bid variable and at least one offer variable each individually selectable for submitting different trading commands;</u>

receiving a trading command <u>with a selection of one of the bid variable and the offer variable displayed in the first interface</u>~~to trade in at least one item via a first interface, the first interface displaying at least one of a bid variable and an offer variable associated with trading the item, each of the variables selectable for submitting the trading command~~; and

~~presenting~~ <u>displaying</u> a second interface in response to <u>a selection of one of the bid variable and the offer variable</u> ~~receiving the trading command~~, the second interface comprising at least one button for confirming the trading command being submitted~~, a pointing device pointer automatically repositioned over the at least one button~~.

69.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 68, wherein the bid variable comprises at least one of a bid price and a bid size, and wherein the offer variable comprises at least one of an offer price and an offer size, ~~the~~ <u>at least a first</u> trading command submitted ~~by selecting~~ <u>with a selection of</u> one of the bid price <u>and</u>~~,~~ the bid size, <u>and at least a second trading command submitted with a selection of one of</u> the offer price~~,~~ and the offer size<u>.</u>

70.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein the second interface comprises a price field and a size field, and wherein the bid price is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the bid price in the first interface and wherein the bid size is posted in the size field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the bid size in the first interface.

71.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein the bid command is submitted for execution at a best bid price when a bid is submitted without a price.

72.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein ~~the first interface displays an offer variable and~~ the trading command comprises an offer command submitted with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the offer price or the offer size, the second interface comprises a price field and a size field, and wherein one of the offer price is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the offer price in the first interface and ~~wherein~~ the offer size is posted in the size field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the offer size in the first interface.

73.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein ~~the first interface displays a bid variable and~~ the trading command comprises a bid command submitted with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the bid price, the second interface comprises a price field, and wherein the bid price from the first interface is posted in the price field with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the at least one button once and the bid command is submitted for execution with a selection of ~~by selecting~~ the at least one button again.

74.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 69, wherein ~~the first interface displays an offer variable and~~ the trading command comprises an offer command submitted <u>with a selection of</u> ~~by selecting~~ the offer price, the second interface comprises a price field, and wherein the offer price from the first interface is posted in the price field <u>with a selection of</u> ~~by selecting~~ the at least one button once and the offer command is submitted for execution <u>with a selection of</u> ~~by selecting~~ the at least one button again.

75.   (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the first trading command comprises an offer command submitted with a selection of the offer price.